

Manchester Public Schools Uniform and Dress Down Day Guidelines

Student attire should demonstrate respect for self, others and an atmosphere of learning.

Administration reserves the right to determine what is appropriate and in good taste. School Codes of Conduct clarify consequences that may be imposed by administration if students repeatedly choose to not follow the uniform and/or dress down day policies.

Uniform Policy

Pants: Students may wear pants, shorts or skirts in the following colors: khaki (light to moderate brown), navy blue or black with the following restrictions:

- No sagging pants
- No shorts or skirts shorter than mid-thigh in length (finger-tip rule)
- No denim wear/jeans

Shirts: Students may wear short or long sleeve polo shirts in the following colors: grey, black, burgundy or royal blue. The Manchester Publics School (MPS) logo is not required to be displayed on polo shirts or fleece jackets, however polo shirts with the MPS logo purchased under the former uniform policy or otherwise are acceptable.

Optional: Students may wear zip up fleece jackets in the following colors: grey, black, burgundy or royal blue. It is not required that the MPS logo be displayed on fleece jackets. MPS crewneck sweatshirts, ¼ zip sweatshirts, or green polos previously purchased under the former uniform policy may still be worn. Families may elect to purchase polo shirts and fleece jackets that are embroidered with the MPS logo from Novel Tees Store. The phone number at Novel Tees is 860-643-6008.

Footwear: Footwear should have a rubber or other non-marking soles. Open toed shoes, moccasins, slippers, flip-flops, sandals, slides, spiked and platform shoes are not allowed for safety reasons.

Dress Down Day, School Event and Field Trip Dress Code Guidelines

- During field trips, teams may elect to allow students to follow dress down day guidelines rather than wear their uniforms.
- Typically on Fridays, and as determined by the administration, staff and students may elect to participate in dress down days in accordance with the following guidelines to raise money for a cause or recognize academic, athletic, special events, activities or achievements. When dress down days are held, students may participate by donating \$1.00, or a STARS Coupon earned for positive STARS behavior.

Students may not wear, or be in possession of, the following items during dress down days:

- Head or face coverings (exception may include documented religious articles)
- Articles that reveal the back, chest, upper-thigh, or undergarments. Shirts must fully cover the stomach
- Shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh in length (finger-tip rule)
- Ripped pants, unless tights or leggings are worn underneath
- Tank tops with straps thinner than two-fingers in width
- Pants / shorts that hang below the waist (students who are wearing saggy pants may be asked to wear a belt)

- Articles that contain offensive writing, graphics, pictures or gang symbols
- Articles that depict logos or emblems of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol
- Pajamas, slippers, nightgowns
- Any revealing, offensive or other items deemed inappropriate by the administration

Parents/Guardians should expect notification if a student is dressed inappropriately and may be requested to provide a change of clothes. School Administration and security staff will check to ensure that students are dressed appropriately as they enter the building each morning. Teachers will refer students who repeatedly violate the uniform or dress code policy to the appropriate administrator as well. Because we believe that class time is critically important, we have a supply of uniform shirts, pants and shorts available to students who are in violation of the uniform or dress down day code so that they may change into appropriate clothing if needed. Students who refuse to wear appropriate replacement clothing may need to be picked up by parents/guardians.

We appreciate your willingness to work with us to ensure all students are dressed appropriately for the school environment.